

62nd LEGISLATURE—REGULAR SESSION

WHEREAS, "He scarce had need to doff his pride or
slough the dross of Earth—
E'en as he trod that day to God so
walked he from his birth,
In simpleness and gentleness and
honor and clean mirth."

now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the sympathy of the 62nd Legislature be and it is hereby extended to the family of John D. Cofer; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the gratitude of the Legislature be extended to the family of John D. Cofer for his enrichment of our heritage; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be prepared for the family of John D. Cofer; and that when the Senate and House adjourn today they do so in memory of John D. Cofer.

Adopted by the Senate on March 2, 1971; adopted by the House on March 4, 1971.

Filed with the Secretary of State, March 18, 1971.

WATER QUALITY BOARD—MITCHELL LAKE POLLUTION —PLAN AND REPORT

S. C. R. No. 41

WHEREAS, The sewage sludge that flows into Mitchell Lake, located in Bexar County, Texas, causes the water in the reservoir to smell and be noxious and offensive to residents over a large area of Southern Bexar County or to anyone passing through this area; and

WHEREAS, The stench from the water scum associated with the maintenance of the Lake has relegated the Mitchell Lake Area to a stagnant condition regarding future growth and development; and

WHEREAS, During the periods when run-off water flows into Mitchell Lake, it becomes necessary to make a release of water and sludge from Mitchell Lake into the Medina and thence into the San Antonio River; and

WHEREAS, The residents and property owners adjacent to Mitchell Lake cannot live and prosper by the maintenance of sludge in Mitchell Lake; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Lake could be a valuable body of water for public recreation, such as fishing, boating, camping and foot trails; and

WHEREAS, Mitchell Lake is the only sludge reservoir of its kind maintained and operated under authority of the State of Texas; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Texas Water Quality Board is hereby authorized and requested to devise a plan, in conjunction with the Texas Water Development Board, the County of Bexar, the City of San Antonio, the San Antonio River Authority, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and the State Health Department for the purpose of cleaning the water of Mitchell Lake, and providing for the permanent conversion of the reservoir into a public recreation lake for inclusion in and in conformity with the State Recreation and Park Plan; and, be it further

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That such report shall be completed and presented to the Governor and members of the Legislature not later than one (1) year after the passage of this Resolution; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the report shall include the views of all agencies enumerated herein in the development of such plan plus the opinions of such agency regarding the final recommendation of the Texas Water Quality Board; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That the plan developed shall include a detailed financing scheme and schedule for implementations and identify any authorizations or appropriations required by the Legislature to facilitate accomplishment of the plan.

Adopted by the Senate on April 13, 1971; adopted by the House on May 31, 1971.

Filed with the Secretary of State, June 14, 1971.

MEMORIAL—LONNIE E. SMITH

S. C. R. No. 42

WHEREAS, The City of Houston and the State of Texas lost a dedicated and distinguished citizen in the death of Dr. Lonnie E. Smith on Saturday, March 6, 1971; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith retired from his practice about three years ago, concluding a long and successful professional career through which he gave countless hours of service to his community and his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith, a native of Yoakum, Texas, moved to Houston in 1929 after attending Prairie View A & M College and completing his dental education at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, He was a former director of the Houston chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and served ably and well as a Democratic precinct committeeman; and

WHEREAS, He was a longtime member of the Good Hope Baptist Church, the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce, the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, and had worked with YMCA programs, the Boy Scouts of America and United Fund campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was the plaintiff in the landmark case of Smith v. Allwright in which the United States Supreme Court found the exclusion of blacks from participation in the Democratic Primary in Texas was a violation of the United States Constitution and brought to an end the "all-white" primary in Texas; and

WHEREAS, The life of this outstanding citizen was exemplary of the finest qualities of citizenship, of great leadership, high character, compassion and the desire to help others; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that the Senate of the 62nd Legislature, the House of Representatives concurring, recognize the exceptional contributions of Dr. Lonnie E. Smith to his community and his State; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, pay tribute to the memory of this fine man, Dr. Lonnie E. Smith, whose life will remain an inspiration to all; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That official copies of this Resolution be prepared for members of the family: his wife Janie Mae; and two nephews, Roy A.